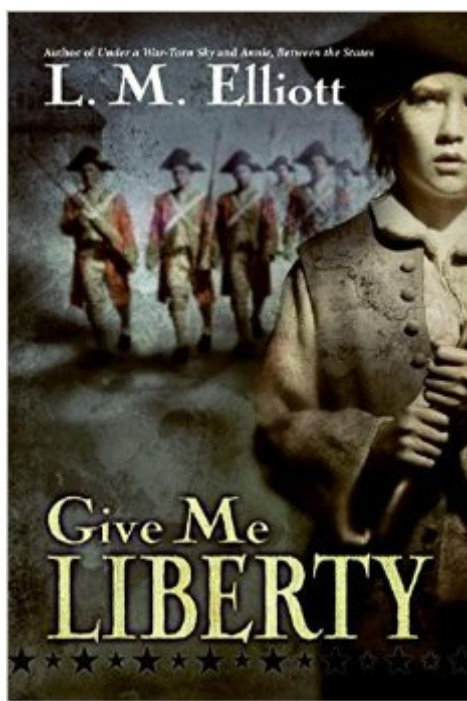


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# Give Me Liberty



## Synopsis

The American Revolution is about to ignite! Life is tough for thirteen-year-old Nathaniel Dunn, an indentured servant in colonial Virginia. Yet in a twist of luck, he meets Basil, a kind schoolmaster, and an arrangement is struck lending Nathaniel's labor to a Williamsburg carriage maker. Basil introduces Nathaniel to music, books, and philosophies that open his mind to new attitudes about equality. The year is 1775, and as colonists voice their rage over England's taxation, Patrick Henry's words "give me liberty, or give me death" become the sounding call for action. Should Nathaniel and Basil join the fight? What is the meaning of "liberty" in a country reliant on indentured servants and slaves? Nathaniel must face the puzzling choices a dawning nation lays before him.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 and up

## Customer Reviews

The book, *Give Me Liberty*, is full of adventure and suspense. The story starts when a young indentured servant named Nathaniel is sent over from England. He is sold to a plantation where he is unhappy. One day, a cruel-hearted man named Owen comes to buy his time. Soon after Owen buys him, Nathaniel is spotted by a kind-hearted school-teacher named Basil. Basil saves him from Owen's harsh treatment and he and Nathaniel become friends. Together, they move to the household of Edan Maguire, a carriage maker. Trouble soon broils in the colonies. The leaders are

calling for rebellion against the British, and for the citizens to take action! Edan, a known loyalist, is shamed in public and Nathaniel and Basil's lives take a dramatic turn! Soon, they are partaking in the rebel's actions and join the 2nd Virginia Regiment. They are forced to fight through the perils of the Revolutionary War. Join them as the battle moves on, and experience the hardships! One of the cruelest things Nathaniel must face comes at the end of the book, when he has to square off with his best friend, Moses, a slave, the one soul who cared about him when he was on the plantation. Moses' only way to freedom is to run away and join not the Americans but the British. There are several reasons why I like this book. One reason is that the author makes you feel like you are in the action. Her compelling writing draws you in, and makes you feel like you are sneaking into the Gunpowder Magazine with Nathaniel and his friends, trying to take a musket for yourselves! The accomplice of Nathaniel in this scene, Ben, is a troublemaker who stirs up bravery in Nathaniel. Despite his sometimes careless behavior, Ben is a wonderful friend for Nathaniel. Another reason why I like it was the character development.

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